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2022 Stormwater Rates Staff Report to Council

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Meeting Date: December 6, 2021

Recommendations

1. That the report entitled 2022 Stormwater Rates dated December 6, 2021 be received; and,
2. That Appendix A being the Town of Newmarket 2022 Stormwater Rates be approved; and,
3. That the rates come into full force and effect on January 1, 2022;
4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Executive Summary

See below.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to propose adjustments to the Town's Stormwater rates for 2022.

This report recommends rate increases of 10.0% as per the 10-Year Stormwater Financial Plan to better finance the protection of homes and businesses from the adverse effects of excessive stormwater.

Background

The Town provides stormwater management services to protect the community and environment from stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff is water that flows off properties mostly due to rain and snow events.

The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 authorizes a municipality to enact by-laws imposing fees and charges pertaining to a stormwater system pursuant to sections 9, 10, 11 and 391 of the Act.

A stormwater charge was established in 2017 to provide a fair, transparent and dedicated funding source to help protect homes and businesses from possible flooding due to excessive stormwater. The first financial plan was introduced in 2017 (Report 2017-30), and was updated in 2020 (Report 2020-78). The rates approved in the plan for 2021 are being recommended for adoption in this report.

Discussion

The stormwater utility is subject to cost drivers. The main drivers for the increases are:

- Meeting immediate capital replacement needs;
- Building a reserve to replace assets when they reach the end of their useful life;
- Managing increased runoff due to more severe weather patterns;
- Reducing phosphorus runoff to meet rising environmental standards

Impact of Stormwater Rate Changes in 2022

	Area in Square Meters	2021 Charge	2022 Charge	Increase	
Low Runoff Level Group	478	\$9.74	\$10.71	\$0.97	10.0%
Medium Runoff Level Group	465	\$46.29	\$50.92	\$4.63	10.0%
High Runoff Level Group	561	\$111.74	\$122.91	\$11.17	10.0%

Conclusion

The attached schedule represents the proposed increase in Stormwater rates and fees as outlined in the 10-Year Financial Plan.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

This report supports the Strategic Pillar of Long-term Financial Sustainability by aligning rate adjustments with multi-year operating and capital plans.

Consultation

Advertisement on the Town of Newmarket's website has been provided in accordance with the Town's Procedure By-law and distribution of the Committee of the Whole agenda.

Human Resource Considerations

Not applicable to this report.

Budget Impact

This report recommends increasing Stormwater rates by 10.0% in 2022.

For an average resident with a 465 square metre lot, the increase will be 10.0% or \$4.63.

Attachments

Appendix A – 2022 Stormwater Rates

Approval

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